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winds which succeeded the late rains. Upon the best lands, which have been well managed, there never was a finer shew of green wheat. Oats begin to make a fine shew, considering they were in most parts sown so late. Beans are very strong, the broad cast far too thick. Generally, all the crops may be deemed promising in a very considerable degree. Barley sowing is finished, excepting with some particular species, always sown late. A full average quantity of potatoes planted, probably somewhat beyond.

The appearance of the hops is said to be indifferent; very lately the east winds have had unfavourable effects upon them in places. The early fruit was said to be damaged, but there is since no particular complaint, and we yet may have another large fruit season. The rains came most opportunely, and have done immense service to the bottoms of grass, which now promise a crop of hay. The feeding grounds, however, have not been forward this year.

Lambs have been a good fall, accidents not unusually great, and the present may well be called a successful lambing season, at least in South Britain. All sorts of cattle, both fat and lean, at a vast price, at the same time in the greatest plenty.

The stock of bread corn on hand in the country generally agreed to be large, probably larger than at this time last year. Stock of hay also large.

Smithfield. Beef, 5s. 6d. to 6s. Mutton, 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. Veal, 6s. to 7s. 6d. Lamb, 6s. to 7s. 6d. Pork, 6s. to 7s. 4d. Bacon, 7s. 6d. Irish do. 5s. 10d. to 6s. 2d. Fat, 5s. 4d. Wool, lower.

#### FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

The warm showery weather we had in the early part of the preceding month has produced a sudden and unexpected change in the state of vegetation, and the various crops of grain and pulse have been brought forward in a quick and healthy manner.

Its effects on the pastures and hay grounds have been equally beneficial, and the stock turned out meet with a good bite. The meadows are in a state of great forwardness, promising heavy crops; in the vicinity of London the hay harvest will soon commence. The clovers and tares are equally forward. The lands to be fallowed for wheat and turnips have been already broken up, and for the latter crop are in most situations in a state of great forwardness. Many acres of the Swedish kind have been already sown. The planting of potatoes have also been carried on to a considerable extent.

From the prospect we every where now have of plenty of keep, cows and calves are much in request; ewes and lambs (provincially called couples), store-sheep, and lean stock of all kinds meet with a ready sale at advanced prices. Sows with pigs, and small stores for the dairy are much wanted, and sell well.

#### PRICE OF GRAIN.

ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.	
	s. d.		s. d.
Wheat	92 10		84 2
Rye	61 8		56 11
Barley	46 11		39 11
Oats	32 11		33 4
Beans	62 2		57 0
Pease	59 3		58 2
Oatmeal	50 0		28 8
Bigg	— —		33 7

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